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CHE ANNUAL MEETING

"It looks as though the Commission on Higher Education is coming of age." Was the comment of one who attended the Annual Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education at St. Louis. The Commission sessions were preceded by significant meetings of the Department of the Ministry and the Department of Campus Christian Life. Enclosed is a copy of a statement on the teaching of religion in the State University prepared by D. C. C. L. and adopted by C. H. E. and the Division of Christian Education. It was given careful thought and is designed to give guidance to and stimulate the thought of Christians within the University. Comments will be welcome. It is hoped that more of this sort of substantive deliberation may be carried on.

NEW STUDY COMMITTEE

Helping to make this possible will be the revision in the organization of C. H. E. recommended by D. C. C. L., adopted by the Administrative Committee and approved by the Executive Board of D. C. E. This revision provides for setting what was the work of D. C. C. L. within the context of the Commission as a whole and in addition sets up a much-needed Committee of Study and Research. This Committee will be asked to give thought and guidance to the Commission and its Units in the gathering of such information and developing such programs as will enable them to meet some of the new challenges facing the churches in higher education in these rapidly changing times.

DCCL

D. C. C. L. concerns will be the responsibility of a Committee of Campus Christian Life made up of the denominational staff members. An Associated Section of local staff representatives was authorized.

With this enlarged responsibility, the position of Executive Director of D. C. C. L. is changed to that of Associate General Director and in its purview will be the work of the Study and Research Committee, D. C. C. L. and assistance to the General Director.

One of the significant statements of the meeting was the address by Harold Viehman on "Facts and Factors that Call for Re-Appraising the Churches Work in Higher Education." This was followed by discussion sections in five areas of the Commission's concerns. From these came a number of suggestions for future activity.

Copies of the Annual Report of the Commission are available from the office.

COMING EVENTS

March 21 - 23,	Millbrook, N.Y., Conference on Future Developments in World University Service
March 27 - April 2,	White House Conference on Childhood and Youth
March 28 - 29,	CHE Staff Retreat, Stoney Point, New York
April 4 - 5,	Executive Committee, C. P. C. U., Washington, D. C.
April 19 - 22,	D. C. C. L. Committee - Tuxedo Park, New York
April 21 - 22,	Executive Committee, C. H. E., New York
April 24,	NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY
April 25 - 28,	Annual Meeting National Association of College and University Chaplains, Amherst College

Coming Events - Continued

May 1 - 2,	Meeting of C. H. E. Public Relations Committee
May 12 - 14,	Second Consultation of Theologians and Philosophers of Education
June 6 - 12,	N. S. C. F., National Bible Study Training Seminar Drew University
July 10,	Conference Church College Public Relations Officers, Washington, D. C.
July 15 - 31,	W. S. C. F., Conference on the Life and Mission of the Church, Strasbourg, France
Sept. 5 - 10,	N. S. C. F. Assembly, Denver, Colorado
Sept. 8 - 12,	Interseminary Movement Triennial Conference, Denver, Colorado
Oct. 4 - 5,	Meeting of Denominational Board Secretaries in Higher Education, Washington, D. C.
Nov. 9,	C. H. E. Executive Committee
Dec. 3 - 8,	N. C. C. Triennial Assembly, San Francisco

Here are some interesting figures on how we spend our money in America. It makes the moans about taxes for education sound rather hollow.

1957 Personal Consumption Expenditures in the U. S. A.

Crime	$22.0 billion
Clothing & Accessories, except footwear	$20.8 billion
Gambling	$20.0 billion
Education	$19.7 billion
Medical Care & Death Expenses	$16.3 billion
Recreation	$15.9 billion
Automobiles, new & used Purchases	$14.5 billion
Accidents	$11.9 billion
Alcoholic Beverages	$10.7 billion
Advertising	$10.3 billion
Tobacco	$ 6.0 billion
Religion & Welfare	$ 3.6 billion

(Compiled by Fred D. L. Squires from U. S. Department of Commerce, National Safety Council & Industrial sources.)

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DANFORTH SEMINARS

The Danforth Foundation has set up an interesting group of Seminars on Higher Education for the coming summer. All of them interesting, but Dave Maitland of Carleton College tells us that the Seminar on the context of campus Christian work is the first to be held along this line. For further information about these, write the Danforth Foundation, 835 South Eighth Street, St. Louis.

1. A Seminar on Improvement of Instruction - June 20th, July 1st, 2nd, University of Texas.
2. A Seminar on Value Perspectives in College Teaching - June 20th to July 1st, Michigan State University.
3. A Seminar on Theological Dimensions in College Teaching - June 27th to July 8th, Pacific School of Religion, Berkley, California.
4. A Faculty Seminar on Metropolitan Research Problems, August 27th to September 7th, Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, N. Y.
5. A Seminar on The Context for Campus Christian Work, June 22nd - July 26th, University of Wisconsin
6. A Seminar on the Counseling needs, and directions in Higher Education, August 8th to 19th, University of Denver.
7. A Seminar on the Uses of Research and Programs for Foreign Students, July 21st to August 13th, University of Michigan.
8. The Washington, D. C. Seminar of College and University Presidents, June 6th to 17th, Washington, D. C.

KENNETH BROWN RETIREMENT

Speaking of the Danforth Foundation, it is with deep regret that we received the announcement that Kenneth I. Brown will be retiring as its Director in 1961. There will be opportunity later for a more extended expression of appreciation of the tireless efforts that Kenneth has made on behalf of higher education.

SUCCESSOR NAMED

Our congratulations go to Dean Merrimon Cuninggim of the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, "Director Designate of the Danforth Foundation to succeed Dr. Kenneth I. Brown." It is difficult to conceive anyone better prepared for this particular work than Merrimon Cuninggim who has both written and served in the field with distinction.

N. Y. TIMES FOR LIBRARY

The Deland Sun News has set a good precedent that could well be copied by other papers by giving to Stetson University the New York Times on microfilm for the years 1867 to 1879. This gives Stetson University the Times on microfilm from the first issue in 1851 to 1866, from 1920 to 1924 and from 1956 to 1957. I can hardly think of a more appropriate gift than a complete microfilm of the New York Times for every college library.

COUNSELING COURSE

The University of Michigan, Office of Religious Affairs is offering a workshop in Religious Counseling on the College Campus at the University of Michigan, June 20th to July 1, 1960. Among those leading will be Seward Hiltner of the Federated Theological Faculty, University of Chicago and Stanley J. Seagal, Director of Counseling Services and Professor of Psychology, University of Buffalo, and C. Grey Austin, University of Michigan. Write to C. Grey Austin, Student Activities Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MASTERS THESES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

We list the titles of some interesting Masters theses that have been written during the past year or so. We have no further information as to quality of the work done, but would suggest that they be borrowed through inter-library loans and examined by those interested.

Hansen, Dena Lee, The Ministry of the College Community Church to Students. M. A., Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, 1959.

Williams, Donald Foster, A Comparison of the Work of the Student Christian Federation and the Inter-Varsity Fellowship in Latin America. M.R.E., The Biblical Seminary in New York, 1959.

Henney, Robt. L., Higher Education among Disciples of Christ. B.D., Christian Theol. Seminary, 1959.

McCartiney, John M., Certain Activities and Expressed Needs of Methodist Married Students and their Spouses at the U. of Wisconsin. M.A., Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University, 1958.

Study in process:

Kelley, Robert. The Church's ministry to college students in the Presbyterian Churches of Southern California. Southern California School of Theology.

BRAINS AVAILABLE

According to Education, U. S. A., Dr. Elizabeth Drews, Associate Professor of the College of Education, Michigan State University, has presented some interesting views on "today's waste of high powered female brain power." Dr. Drews, after careful study concludes that prejudice against women is depriving the nation of great resources of intellectual capacity. This is supported by Dean George R. Waggoner of the University of Kansas "Who not only agrees with the Drews conclusions, but suggests a study on scholarship opportunities for bright girls." He feels many scholarships and fellowships are given out on the basis of quotas, with the girls meagerly represented." Being the father of two daughters perhaps I am prejudiced, but I can't refrain from an enthusiastic "amen."

TRUSTEE STUDY

Memo to the Board, 1960 series, number 3 gives us a very interesting report of a "Committee on Trustee Organization, Submitted to the Board of Trustees at Dartmouth College." This is a study of the governing boards of a number of the nations leading colleges and universities. It has some interesting ideas and suggestions for those who are examining their Boards of Trustees.

PROFESSION VS JOB

Thinking of service reminds us of a very interesting description of "What is a Profession" by Dr. Mortimor J. Adler in the February, 1960 issue of the Bulletin of The American Association of Fund Raising Counsel. Says Dr. Adler, "Professional activities are distinguished from other types of work not only by the goals they serve but also by the way in which professional men are related in their work." The whole statement is well worth reading.

CHURCH TO CAMPUS

It was a refreshing experience recently to spend a couple of days with Dean Harold Schilling of Penn State at a conference called by the Michigan State Council of Churches on "The Church and Higher Education." Over 100 registered - faculty, administrators, campus pastors, pastors, board members, students from public and private institutions from all over the state. Some impressions:

CAMPUS TO CHURCH

-We talk a great deal about the need of the ministry to the campus but we won't make many advances till we bring more of the campus to the church. Our claim that Christian faith is really concerned about learning sounds hollow to students and faculty who so often find little evidence of the concern in local churches. Perhaps the best way of making the university safe for students is to make the church safe for faculty.

-A recurring question was - what difference does it make to teaching that one is a Christian? The problem is as difficult for the contemporary man of learning as for those described by Harbison in his, "The Christian Scholar in the Age of the Reformation." Contemporary faculty will be helped by reading it.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE?

-The question also recurs on the institutional level. In what sense are all these questions of faith and learning different on the Christian college campus than on the secular campus. The value of conferences that include representatives of both institutions is that no one is satisfied with easy answers. Simple generalizations on either side are immediately challenged and deeper thinking encouraged.

IN UNITY STRENGTH

-Dr. Schilling's report on what is being done at Penn. State stimulated interest. The apparently genuine cooperation between local pastors and the Student Christian Association, the apparently genuine cooperation between the denominations so that staff appointments are made not merely in terms of denominational interest but with concern for the whole Christian enterprise in the university. Furthermore, it is agreed that each such staff man will give part of his time to the united endeavor. Thus the Christian forces appear united in a common concern both for the university and the faith. A refreshing contrast to some situations where Christian forces don't hesitate to fire both on their fellow Christians and the University.

JUST THE FACTS MAN!

Illustrative of the truth, that facts without understanding and interpretation are meaningless is the silly story of some ponderous research on the flea. The researchers removed the front legs of the flea, made a noise and he jumped. They removed his middle legs, made a noise and he jumped again. They removed his hind legs, made a noise and he didn't jump. So it was solemnly recorded, to remove the hind legs of a flea apparently effects his hearing.

We call attention to two important enclosures:

1. A Statement on the Teaching of Religion in the State University.
2. An order blank for National Christian College Day Material.

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